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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

ORDER

*New Delhi, the 13th June 1957*

**S.R.O. 1986.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called *Inter-Zonal Wheat Movement Control Order, 1957*.

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “export” means to take or cause to be taken out of any place within a Zone to a place outside it;

(b) “import” means to take or cause to be taken into any place within a Zone from a place outside it;

(c) “State Government” means the Government of any State included in a Zone and includes the administrator of a union territory, within their respective jurisdiction;

(d) “Zone” means any of the territorial Units of India consisting of a State or States or union territories as specified in the Schedule annexed to this Order;

(e) “wheat” includes its products but does not include wheat bran.

**3. Prohibition of export and import of wheat.**—(1) No person shall export, or attempt to export or abet the export of wheat from any Zone except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government concerned.

(2) No person shall import, or attempt to import or abet the import of wheat into any Zone except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government concerned:

Provided that nothing contained in sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall apply to the export of wheat from and import of wheat into any of the Zones—

(i) not exceeding five seers in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or

(ii) on Government account; or

(iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

4. Powers of entry, search, seizure etc.—Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorised in this behalf by a State Government or the Central Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (1) stop and search, or authorise any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or capable of being used for the export or import of wheat;
- (2) enter and search or authorise any person to enter and search any place;
- (3) seize or authorise the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened, along with the packages, coverings, receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such article and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

5. Delhi wheat (Movement Control) Order, 1956, cancelled.—The Delhi Wheat (Movement Control) Order, 1956, is hereby cancelled.

#### SCHEDULE

Zone I—The State of Punjab and the Union Territories of Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

Zone II—The State of Uttar Pradesh.

Zone III—The State of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bombay (excluding Greater Bombay).

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